New Orleans Federal Executive Board

Overview

2006

Establishment of Federal Executive Boards

"Although each executive agency and its field organization have a special mission, there are many matters on which the work of the departments converge. Among them are management and budgetary procedures, personnel policies, recruitment efforts, office information duties, and similar matters. There are opportunities to pool experience and resources, and to accomplish savings. In substantive programs there are also opportunities for a more closely coordinated approach in many activities."

With those words, the concept of **Federal Executive Boards** (FEB) was introduced by President John F. Kennedy in1961.

President Kennedy established FEBs:

- To “bring more closely together the many activities of the Federal Government in individual states and communities throughout the nation”

- To serve as a link to those local Federal communities as a body. Then, 90% of the Federal workforce was located outside of Washington, DC.; today 88% of the workforce is located outside of Washington

FEBs Perform Valuable Functions

We Provide:

- A forum for the exchange of information between Washington and the rest of the country
- A point of coordination for the development and operation of Federal programs having common characteristics.
- A means of communication for national initiatives

FEBs Perform Valuable Functions

We Provide:

- Federal representation and involvement within their communities.
- A forum for agencies to work together, saving time, effort and money.
- A critical and unique resource to leverage interagency cooperation and collaboration at the local level.

Federal Executive Boards Today

28 Locations

- Albuquerque-Santa Fe
- Atlanta
- Baltimore
- Boston
- Buffalo
- Chicago
- Cincinnati
- Cleveland
- Dallas-Forth
- Denver
- Detroit
- Honolulu-Pacific
- Houston
- Kansas City
- Los Angeles
- Miami
- Minnesota
- **New Orleans**
- New York City
- Newark
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Philadelphia
- Pittsburgh
- St. Louis
- San Antonio
- San Francisco
- Seattle

Who is the FEB?

- FEB membership becomes automatic by virtue of the incumbent being the **Senior agency official** within the FEB's boundaries.
- The local FEB membership is comprised of approximately 66 local Agency representatives.
- The FEB is led by an Executive Committee elected by the FEB membership
- Although not members of the FEB, all Federal employees are eligible to participate in FEB-sponsored committees & initiatives
- FEBs operate under the authority of OPM (Guidance from 5CFR Part 960)

FEB Leadership

The Executive Committee consists of:

OFFICERS:

Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair

ELECTED MEMBERS:

Policy Committee Members

Ex-Officio Members

- Officers & Elected Members are recommended by the Chair, Nominating Committee and voted on by the FEB membership

FEB Staff Office

- 1 Full-Time Career Federal Employee serves as
  Executive Director
- Funding and resources provided by a sponsoring Agency
  *National Finance Center (NFC)**
- Reports to the FEB Chair and the Executive Committee
  Direct Report to NFC Deputy Director
- Serves as Ambassadors for the Federal community
- Coordinates FEB initiatives through committees & working groups

**(USDA, Southern Regional Research Center provides a percentage of fun*

FEB Oversight Responsibility

Greater New Orleans **C**ombined **F**ederal **C**ampaign

FEB Committees

- Emergency Notification Committee
- Equal Opportunity Advisory Council
- Public Service Recognition Week
- Historically Black Colleges & Universities Committee

Local Initiatives & Community Outreach

FEB Emergency Situation Actions

- Maintain a ready-to-activate emergency notification plan
- Receive information from OPM, other agencies, local emergency officials and send to FEB member agencies
- Relay status of local emergency situation to OPM; provide regular updates throughout event
- Work with local agencies to address issues affecting federal employees and/or the federal community as a whole
- Evaluate “lessons learned” from events and take actions to address and improve issues needing attention

FEB Emergency Situation Actions

Prior to Hurricane Katrina

- The FEB coordinated and/or offered:
  - Briefings on emergency preparedness
  - The COOP Program Manager's course (35 certified)
  - Interagency COOP Tabletop Exercise
  - Emergency notifications/recommendations

During Hurricane Katrina (and the months that followed)

- The FEB Policy Committee served as a valuable resource to OPM and the Office of National Security Coordination (Plans Division)

Post - Katrina

- The FEB continues to assist in efforts related to Fe reconstitution back into the area

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